

8/16 Meeting at Gadii'ahi Chapter

Carol Etcitty-Roger, Chapter President
Rosie Frazier, Chapter Vice President
Lenora Lee-Tsosie, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer
Gilbert, Farm Official
Lucinda Lee, Grazing Official
Amber Crotty, Navajo Council Delegate
Sharon Clahchischilliage, Representative, New Mexico State Legislature
BIA representative
40 participants

Ag water

Water needed for farms.

Crops and Livestock

How will this affect marketability of animals once they know where they came from? Vegetables from Shiprock are already labeled as contaminated. People don't want to buy their crops and sheep because there's a perception that they are contaminated.

Claim Form

How will long term damages be reimbursed since form must be filed within 2 years? Alfalfa has a 6 year growth period. What happens if our fields start dying 10 years from now? How do we calculate the value of lost crops or crops that don't produce as much since they didn't receive sufficient water?

Long term impacts

Will roots suck up contamination? What happens when sediments get stirred up in the river? Heavy metals will remain and get into plants. Until I can see EPA bathing in this water, rubbing it on them, proving it is clean, I don't think we should lift the ban. It's not worth it to farm with this water, even though it's our livelihood.

How was spill in Snake River handled? Is it clean? (Harry McCabe, husband of Sharon Clahchischilliage, Representative, New Mexico State Legislature 505-686-7378)

Sharon Clahchischilliage, Representative, New Mexico State Legislature

- Open up the jurisdiction so the river is tested from start to finish, not according to Regions.
- Finally, we're now getting the response together.
- Everyone should attend the Farmington updated at 6:00pm Monday.